

Elisha Higgins – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Elisha Higgins first appears in the Eastham records when he married Jane Collens in 1701. He was one of several generations of Higgins who received significant Eastham land grants.

1703

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats near Pottanumquit Harbor next to the beach. The dimensions indicate the grant was about three acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A134, M190, S80.

1704

Granted to Elisha Higgins about one-half acre of upland on the southern end of the Swamp and near the house of Joseph Higgins. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A134, M190, S80.

1706

Granted to Elisha Higgins, Jonathan Higgins Jr. and Joseph Higgins and their heirs by way of exchange about two acres of upland near Barley Neck and next to the dwelling house of Jonathan Linnell. Bounds were indicated by stones some marked JH. The three Higgins returned to the Town for use as Town Common marsh and meadow near the house lot of Jonathan Higgins. PDF A285, M45, M46.

Elisha Higgins exchanged land with John Paine. Higgins gave Paine land near Barley Neck. Paine gave Higgins about three and one-half acres at Sampson's Island. PDF A288, M52, M53.

1711

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs about four acres of upland next to the way that went to his dwelling house. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T11.

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs about four acres of open land near his dwelling house with the provision that there were gates convenient for carts to pass thru on the way that went along by his dwelling house. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T11.

Granted to Elisha Higgins, James Higgins, Jonathan Higgins Jr., Jonathan Higgins Sr. and Nicholas Snow in joint and equal partnership the fifteenth lot in a grant of twenty-four shared lots on Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot probably was about six or seven acres based on information about surrounding lots. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T89.

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot on the northern side of Joseph Higgins' wood lot and on the northern side of the grape vine Swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T155.

1713

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs about one acre of upland next to his other land and next to the Swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T184.

1715

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs a parcel of land next to the lot of Nathaniel Mayo on the western side of the way towards Billingsgate. The dimensions indicate the lot was about sixteen acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T231.

Granted to Elisha Higgins and his heirs a wood lot next to the wood lot of Daniel Atwood. The Higgins lot ran north twenty pole and due east on a straight line to the Backside Sea. These lots were on the east side of the way to Billingsgate and most ran east about one mile which would make the lot about forty acres. PDF T270.

1716

Elisha Higgins and Nathaniel Mayo Sr. purchased from the proprietors represented by Edward Knowles, Nicholas Snow and John Sparrow for five shillings a parcel of land next to their meadow and next to land of Isaac Higgins. Acreage or dimensions were not included in the record. The parcel probably was about one or two acres based on similar purchases. PDF T313.

The Eastham land owned by Elisha Higgins or his heirs described in these records amounts to about eighty acres. Up to 1745 thirty-three other Higgins received Eastham land grants.